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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference C. DEMETRESCU 11-	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/GB 00/ 01185	International filing date (day/month/year) 28/03/2000	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 09/06/1999
Applicant LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES INC		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :

☐ contained in the international application in written form.

☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

☐ the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

☐ the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

☒ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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☐ None of the figures.

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International Application No

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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	<p>DATABASE INSPEC 'Online! INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS, STEVENAGE, GB; Inspec No. Trans. Inst. Electron. Commun. Eng. Jpn. B, March 1983 (1983-03) YASUDA Y ; KASHIKI K ; HIRATA Y: "Bit stealing scheme for soft decision Viterbi decoding system" XP002120882 abstract</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>17, 18, 23, 24</p>

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference C.DEMETRESCU 11-5-5	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC H04L1/00		
Applicant LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES INC		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.



2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

- ☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 4 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☒ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☒ Certain observations on the international application

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International application No. PCT/GB00/01185

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, pages:

1,3-36	as originally filed		
2,2a	as received on	30/07/2001	with letter of 26/07/2001

Claims, No.:

1-23	as received on	30/07/2001	with letter of 26/07/2001
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Drawings, sheets:

1/23-23/23	as originally filed
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2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
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- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
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4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

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- ☐ the description, pages:
☐ the claims, Nos.:
☐ the drawings, sheets:

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-23
	No:	Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	
	No:	Claims	1-23
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-23
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:
see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:
see separate sheet

Cited Documents

- D1: WO 97 37466 A (NOKIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS OY ;TIKKA MAURI (FI);
OLKKONEN MIKKO (FI)) 9 October 1997 (1997-10-09)
- D2: EP-A-0 790 739 (TOKYO SHIBAURA ELECTRIC CO) 20 August 1997 (1997-08-20)
- D3: WO 97 14225 A (ERICSSON GE MOBILE INC) 17 April 1997 (1997-04-17)
- D4: DATABASE INSPEC [Online] INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS,
STEVENAGE, GB; Inspec No. Trans. Inst. Electron. Commun. Eng. Jpn. B, March
1983 (1983-03) YASUDA Y ; KASHIKI K ; HIRATA Y: 'Bit stealing scheme for soft
decision Viterbi decoding system' XP002120882

Re Item V

**Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step
or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. In accordance with the features of claim 1, D1 discloses:

A method of encoding speech packets into blocks ("network packet", see page 8, lines 30-32) in a packet switched network (page 1, line 3), each speech packet including a speech header and a payload comprised of a speech frame, wherein at least two speech frames are encoded into a single block (page 8, lines 30-32 and abstract, lines 2-3).

The subject-matter of claim 1 therefore differs from the disclosure of D1 in that each speech frame includes a set of Class I bits and a set of Class II bits, the method further comprising: encoding a first speech packet by encoding at least a portion of the header and the set of Class I bits; encoding a second speech packet by encoding at least a portion of the header and the set of Class I bits.

However, this difference is not considered to involve an inventive step for the following reasons.

It is well-known in the art to encode speech into frames consisting of a header, Class I bits, and Class II bits, wherein a portion of the header and the Class I bits

are subject to an encoding process and the Class II bits are transmitted uncoded, eg the GSM specification. The characterising part of claim 1 merely defines that two such frames are placed in a single block.

Since D1 discloses the concept of encoding at least two speech frames in a single block, merely by adopting the coding structure of the well-known GSM speech frame the skilled person would arrive in an obvious way at the subject-matter of claim 1.

The subject-matter of claim 1 is therefore does not involve an inventive step (Articles 33(1) and (3) PCT).

2. The additional features of dependent claims 2-23 are in part disclosed in D1, and in part are rendered obvious by the disclosures of documents D1-D4 or are trivial features for a person skilled in the art based on common general knowledge, and thus add nothing of inventive significance to claim 1 (Articles 33(3) PCT).

Re Item VII

Certain defects in the international application

1. The features of the claims are not provided with reference signs placed in parentheses (Rule 6.2(b) PCT).

Re Item VIII

Certain observations on the international application

1. Claim 1 is now directed at the embodiment described on pages 18 and 19 in conjunction with figure 13. Since the description describes several other embodiments not falling within the terms of the claims, the description and claims are seriously inconsistent, leading to unclarity in determining the matter for which protection is sought (Article 6 PCT; see PCT Guidelines III-4.3). These further embodiments should either have been deleted from the description and drawings, or it should have been clearly stated that they do not fall within the scope of the invention.

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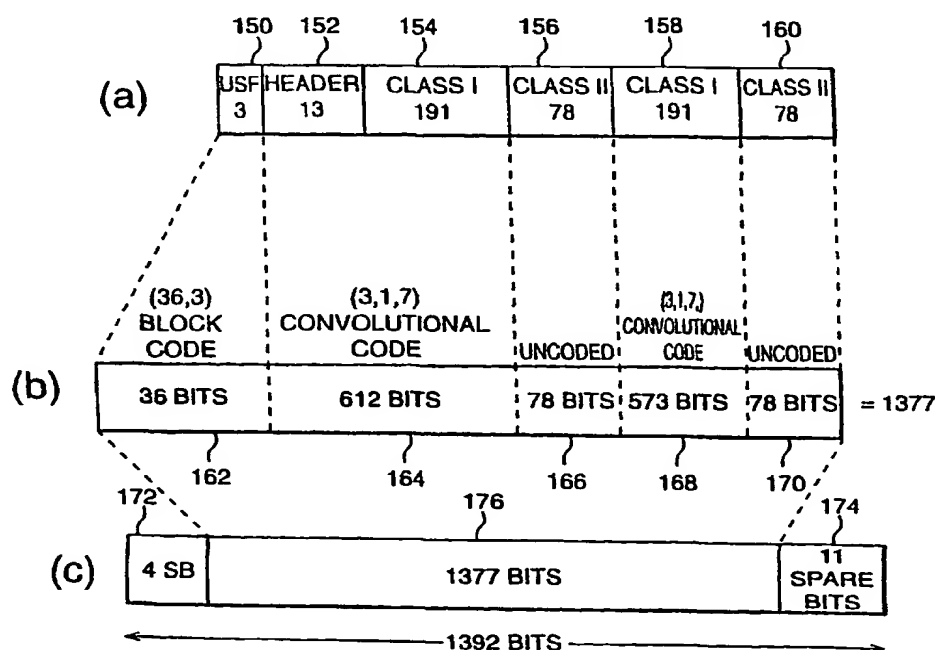
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- For two-letter codes and other abbreviations, refer to the "Guidance Notes on Codes and Abbreviations" appearing at the beginning of each regular issue of the PCT Gazette.*

(54) Title: **TRANSMISSION OF VOICE IN PACKET SWITCHED NETWORKS**



(57) Abstract: There is disclosed in a packet switched network a method of encoding speech packets into blocks, each speech packet including a speech header and a payload comprised of a speech frame, wherein at least two speech frames are encoded into a single block. Each speech frame may be associated with a different user. An EDGE network utilises such a method.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 H04L1/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 H04L

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X	WO 97 37466 A (NOKIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS OY ;TIKKA MAURI (FI); OLKKONEN MIKKO (FI)) 9 October 1997 (1997-10-09) page 5, line 10 -page 8, last line figures 6,7	1-8, 10, 14, 17, 20, 21, 24
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☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

* Special categories of cited documents :

- *A* document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- *E* earlier document but published on or after the international filing date
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T later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention

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NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION

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2. The election ☒ was



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made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date or, where Rule 32 applies, within the time limit under Rule 32.2(b).

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